CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

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CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

October 31, 2008

Board of Directors Crawford County Transportation Authority 4276 W. North Down River Road Grayling, Michigan 49738

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activity and major fund, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, of the Crawford County Transportation Authority as of and for the year ended September 30, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and major fund of the Crawford County Transportation Authority as of September 30, 2008, and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

MEMBER MACPA and AICPA

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In Accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated October 31, 2008, on my consideration of the Crawford County Transportation Authority's internal control over financial reporting and my test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-8 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Crawford County Transportation Authority basic financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as supplemental information in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

JAMES M. ANDERSON, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Using this Annual Report

Our discussion and analysis of the Crawford County Transportation Authority's financial performance provides an overview of the Authority's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008. This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets provide information about the activities of the Authority and present a longer-term view of the Authority's finances.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of three parts: Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and an additional section that presents supplemental information and schedules. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Authority:

- The first two statements are financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Authority's overall financial status. These statements report information about the Authority, as a whole, using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Assets includes all of the Authority's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid. The two statements report the Authority's net assets and how they have changed. "Net assets" is the difference between the assets and liabilities. This is one way to measure the Authority's financial health or position.
- . The remaining statement is a Statement of Cash Flows to demonstrate the activities of the Authority as it relates to cash flows from operating activities, cash flows from noncapital financing activities, cash flows from capital and related financing, and cash flows from investing activities.

Reporting the Transit Authority as a Whole

Government-Wide Statements

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and change in Net Assets report information about the Authority, as a whole, and about its activities in a way that helps answer the question of whether the Authority, as a whole, is better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities. The Statement of Net Assets includes all of the Authority's assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting method used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets regardless of when cash is received and paid.

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

The two statements, mentioned above, report the Authority's net assets and how they have changed. The reader can think of the Authority's net assets (the difference between assets and liabilities) as one way to measure the Authority's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Authority's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively. To access the overall health of the Authority you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the County's property tax base, the condition of the Authority's vehicles, and changes in the laws related to the operating assistance received from the Federal and State government.

Financial Analysis of the Transit Authority as Whole

The Authority's net assets decreased approximately .10%, or \$2,031, from \$1,966,814 to \$1,964,783 for the year ended September 30, 2008. The net assets and change in net assets are summarized below.

Net Assets

The overall financial position remained relatively the same in 2008. The unrestricted net assets decreased by \$221,954 and the net contributed equity and investment in capital assets increased by \$219,923. The primary reasons for the net decrease was the increase in total expense of \$126,165 and net increase of revenues of \$191,481.

The net assets as of the year ended September 30, 2008, are as follows:

	2008	2007	<u>Variance</u>	%
Current and Other Assets Capital Assets	\$1,454,434 682,208	\$1,673,762 462,285	\$(219,328) 219,923	(13.10) 47.57
Total Assets	2,136,642	2,136,047	<u>595</u>	0.03
Current Liabilities Noncurrent Liabilities	171 , 859 	169 , 233 	2,626 -0-	1.55
Total Liabilities	<u>171,859</u>	169,233	2,626	<u> </u>
Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets Unrestricted	682,208 1,282,575	462,285 1,504,529	219,923 (221,954)	47.57 <u>(14.75</u>)
Total Net Assets	<u>\$1,964,783</u>	<u>\$1,966,814</u>	<u>\$ (2,031</u>)	<u>(0.10</u>)

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

<u>Changes in Net Assets</u>

Oranation December	2008	2007	<u>Variance</u>	%
Operating Revenue Charges for Services	\$ 227,383	\$ 225,167	\$ 2,216	0.98
Nonoperating Revenue Taxes Levied for Authority State of Michigan	388,780	376,865	11,915	3.16
Operating Grants Federal Operating Grants Capital Grants Interest Miscellaneous	530,193 234,021 169,797 47,400 2,159	514,985 224,924 11,751 54,468 92	15,208 9,097 158,046 (7,068) 2,067	4.04 4.04 1344.96 (12.98) 2247.74
Total Revenue	1,599,733	1,408,252	<u>191,481</u>	<u>13.60</u>
Operating Expense Salaries and Wages Fringe Benefits Depreciation Other	726,834 352,320 172,518 350,092	687,495 337,613 167,255 283,236	39,339 14,707 5,263 66,856	5.72 4.36 3.15 23.60
Total Operating Expense	1,601,764	1,475,599	126,165	<u>8.55</u>
Income (Loss)	(2,031)	(67,347)	65,316	96.98
Beginning Net Assets	1,966,814	2,034,161	(67,347)	<u>(3.31</u>)
Ending Net Assets	<u>\$1,964,783</u>	<u>\$1,966,814</u>	<u>\$ (2,031)</u>	<u>(0.10</u>)

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

At September 30, 2008, the Authority had \$682,208 invested in capital assets. This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of \$219,923 or 47.57% as follows:

	2008	2007	Total Percentage Change 2007-2008
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated Land	\$ 75,468	\$ 27 , 005	<u>179.46</u>
Subtotal	<u>75,468</u>	27,005	<u>179.46</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated Building Vehicles Equipment	836,271 1,433,358 347,511	832,258 1,198,485 328,549	0.48 19.60 5.77
Subtotal	2,617,140	2,359,292	10.93
Total Capital Assets	2,692,608	2,386,297	12.84
Total Accumulated Depreciation	2,010,400	1,924,012	4.49
Total Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 682,208</u>	<u>\$ 462,285</u>	<u>47.57</u>

Please refer to the notes of the financial statements for more detailed information.

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Statistics:

The passenger count for FY2008 was 117,869 passengers. This represents a 7,727 increase from FY2007. It also represents a 12,227 passenger count increase from FY2006. Of the 117,869 rides we provided (A)Senior citizens represented 9,252, (B)15,098 were special needs riders, (C)5,596 were senior/special needs and (D)5,421 of our riders required a wheelchair lift. This shows how very important our service is to many people in Crawford County.

Our Rural Health runs remained solid throughout the year, with a total of 2,926 hours of non-emergency medical transportation runs taking place. Again, as in past years, CCTA received several donations to go toward these runs. CCTA is currently transporting seven individuals three times a week to dialysis.

Accidents:

CCTA was involved in two accidents in FY2008. Neither accident was the fault of a CCTA driver. Although there was substantial damage to one bus, no serious injuries occurred.

System Issues:

Health Care, Liability Insurance and Fuel Costs:

As in past years, these issues remain somewhat problematic because of the rising costs involved with each. Fuel was a serious problem during FY2008, prices were two and a half times what they were during FY2006. FY2009 brought much lower fuel prices. Hopefully this is a sign of the times to come.

Personnel:

CCTA had one employee quit in FY2008. I decided not to hire anyone to fill this position so that other employees could get a few more hours and CCTA could save on the cost of the position and the cost of health care.

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Litigation:

CCTA is still receiving payments from Third Coast Software for the incomplete software program that we did not receive. Our company attorney keeps abreast of the situation.

As of September 30, 2008, CCTA is not involved in any other form of litigation.

Management meetings:

As CCTA management, I continue to attend the local Crawford County Collaborative Body meetings monthly. Most Human Service agencies in Crawford County attend these meetings. It is the intent of all the agencies in attendance to help better the lives of the less fortunate. I am also a Board member of the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP). It is the goal of the CCEDP to help expand economic development in our County.

Overall, CCTA is running very smoothly and effectively. Employee moral is high, and we continue to have an increase in passenger ridership each month. We are still in need of additional buses. CCTA should be receiving two (2) new buses prior to the end of 2009.

It is the goal of Crawford County Transportation Authority to provide the best possible service to our customers. As shown by our ridership figures for FY2008, many individuals in Crawford County depend on us as their sole means of transportation.

Julee K. Dean Executive Director

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS ENTERPRISE FUND SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets: Cash Investments Accounts receivable Account receivable - other Inventories Prepaid expenses	\$ 855,299 456,176 18,326 33,540 35,523 55,570
Total Current Assets	1,454,434
Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation	682,208
Total Assets	2,136,642
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities: Accounts payable Due to other governmental units Accrued liabilities Deferred revenue Total Current Liabilities	3,969 77,917 78,253 11,720
	<u> 171,859</u>
NET ASSETS:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted	682,208 1,282,575
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,964,783</u>

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ENTERPRISE FUND YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Operating Revenues Charges for services: Passenger fares Contract Fares Meals on wheels Package delivery Vehicle maintenance	\$ 54,718 161,677 9,423 593 972
Total Operating Revenues	227,383
Operating Expenses Salaries and wages Fringe benefits Materials and supplies Services Utilities Casualty and liability insurance Miscellaneous Depreciation	726,834 352,320 242,701 26,634 23,666 53,727 3,364 172,518
Total Operating Expenses	1,601,764
Operating Income (loss)	(1,374,381)
Non-Operating Revenues (expenses) Property taxes Federal State - Demand response State and Federal capital grants Interest/investment income Gain on sale of assets Miscellaneous	388,780 234,021 530,193 169,797 47,400 2,127
Total Non-Operating Revenues	1,372,350
Change in Net Assets	(2,031)
Net Assets - October 1, 2007	1,966,814
Net Assets - September 30, 2008	<u>\$ 1,964,783</u>

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS ENTERPRISE FUND FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Cash flows from operating activities Cash receipts from operations Cash payments for supplies and services Cash payments for employee services and fringes	\$ 208,327 (338,160) (1,071,794)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(1,201,627)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities Property taxes Federal operating grants State operating grants	388,780 228,043 530,193
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	1,147,016
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities Federal/State capital grants Purchase of fixed assets Sale of fixed assets	169,797 (392,441) 2,127
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(220,517)
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of investments Investment income Collection on Accounts receivable - other Miscellaneous income	(16,837) 47,400 8,856 32
Net cash provided (used) in investing activities	39,451
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(235,677)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - October 1, 2007	1,090,976
Cash and Cash Equivalents - September 30, 2008	\$ 855 , 299

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS ENTERPRISE FUND (CONTINUED) FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:

Operating income (loss)	<u>\$(1,374,381)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable Decrease (increase) in inventories Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses Increase (decrease) in accounts payable Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	172,518 1,344 (10,283) 571 (9,082) 7,360 10,326
Total adjustments	172,754
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$(1,201,627</u>)

NOTE A - GENERAL INFORMATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Authority conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units.

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS AND FUND TYPE

The Authority was organized in 1982, as successor to the Crawford County Public Transit. In 1998 The Authority reorganized under Act 196 of 1986 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan. The Authority is a separate legal and administrative unit of government. The purpose of the Authority is to provide public transportation services to the general public within Crawford County.

The Authority Operations Fund is classified as an <u>Enterprise</u> <u>Fund</u> to conform to management requirements and State regulations. An Enterprise Fund is used to report operations that provide services which are financed by user charges, of activities where periodic measurement of net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control or other purposes. Enterprise Funds use the accrual basis of accounting.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies of the Authority:

INVENTORY - Inventories of fuel, lubricants, tires, tubes and vehicle parts are recorded at cost, less estimated allowances for obsolescence, and are expended using the cost method. Obsolete inventory has been marked-down to its estimated market value. Inventories of office supplies and other similar items are recorded as an expenditure at the time of purchase.

FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION - Fixed assets acquired prior to 1982 are stated at salvage value. All other fixed assets are stated at cost. Fixed assets purchased with moneys furnished by the State and the U.S. Department of Transportation are secured by the State. These assets are, at the State's option, either returned to the State or otherwise disposed when retired. Depreciable fixed assets are depreciated over the estimated useful life of the assets on the straight-line method.

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

COMPENSATED ABSENCES - All compensated absences are recorded as an expense and a liability as they are earned.

PROPERTY TAXES - Property taxes are levied as of December 1 of each year and are due by the last day of the following February. The taxes are collected by the local units of government within the County and are periodically remitted to the Authority through the County during the collection period. The taxes are recognized as revenue in the year in which payment is due.

STATE AND FEDERAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE - Revenues from State and Federal operating assistance programs are recognized when earned rather than when received. Earned revenues from these sources are computed using the approved cost allocation principles and guidelines approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

COST ALLOCATIONS - The following are the major cost allocations used by the Authority and which have been approved by the State:

Building depreciation and utilities costs are allocated among operations, maintenance and administration based on the square footage utilized by each function.

Maintenance of Third-Party Vehicles - Expenses related to charges for maintenance of third-party vehicles are allocated as follows:

- 1. Labor and fringe costs are charged to third-party maintenance and bus maintenance based on direct maintenance hours charged to each.
- 2. Parts charges are based on original cost.
- 3. Supplies, utilities and depreciation costs are prorated between thirdparty maintenance and bus maintenance based on direct maintenance hours charged to each.

Charter - The charter rate is negotiated with each customer based on prior years operating expenses.

Project Zero - Costs are allocated to this program according to the approved plan.

USE OF ESTIMATES - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash deposits are held at Citizens Bank, Chemical Bank, Huntington Bank and Fifth Third Bank, both directly and through the Crawford County Treasurer's Common Cash Account. Cash on deposit held by the Crawford County Treasurer shares FDIC insurance coverage with all other assets held by the County Treasurer. The proportionate share of FDIC insurance coverage related to the Authority's cash and certificate of deposit held by the County Treasurer has not been determined.

Operations Fund investments are in Bank One Short Term Investment Fund for governmental entities, and American Express Mutual Funds.

State statue authorizes investment of funds in obligations of the U.S.; certificates of deposits and savings and checking accounts with banks, savings and loan associations of credit unions which are insured with the applicable federal agency; commercial paper within the three highest rate classifications by two rating services, maturing not later than 270 days from date, to the extent of 50% of total surplus funds; U.S. or agency repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of U.S. banks; and mutual funds.

Cash of the Operations Fund is stated at cost which approximates market value. Investments of the Operating fund are stated at cost.

Deposits	.	000		
Petty Cash	\$	900		
<pre>Insured - demand deposits and interest bearing accounts & certificates</pre>		20/1 276		
Uninsured - deposits and certificates		394,276 364,060		
Uninsured - (Cash with County) Common Cash		96,063		
offinsured - (cash with country) common cash		90,003		
Total cash	\$	855,299		
		Cost		Market
Operations Fund Investments				
Uninsured, Uncollateralized, held by agent:				
Bank One Short Term Investment Fund				
for governmental units	\$	346 , 771	\$	346,771
American Express:				
AMP Short Duration U.S. Government Fund		60,069		57,669
Equity Value Funds		49,336		48,987
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Total Operations Fund Investments	\$	456,176	\$	453,427
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NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Michigan law and investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for investments. With respect to investments, custodial credit risk generally applies only to direct investments in marketable securities. Custodial credit risk does not apply to local government's indirect investment in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools.

Interest Rate Risk

The Authority has not adopted a policy that indicates how the Authority will minimize interest rate risk, which is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates, by limiting the weighted average maturity of its investment portfolio to less than a given period of time.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Authority has not adopted a policy that indicates how the Authority will minimize concentration of credit risk, which is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Authority's investment in a single issuer, by diversifying the investment portfolio so that the impact of potential losses from any one type of security or issuer will be minimized.

NOTE C - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - OTHER

Crawford County Public Transit advanced monies to a software company for developing a dispatch computer program in 2002. The program was never completed and the money was not repaid. A judgement was obtained for \$50,000 which included all costs, attorney fees, and interest. A down payment of \$2,000 was paid at time of the judgement. Monthly payments of \$750 including interest at 5% are due until amount is fully paid.

NOTE D - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	Balance 10/1/07	Additions	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance <u>9/30/08</u>
Land Buildings Buses Operations equipment Garage equipment Office equipment Computer equipment	\$ 27,005 832,258 1,198,485 98,711 150,303 32,872 46,663	\$ 48,463 4,013 312,511 -0- 5,422 18,246 3,786	\$ -0- -0- 77,638 -0- 8,492 -0- -0-	\$ 75,468 836,271 1,433,358 98,711 147,233 51,118 50,449
Totals	<u>\$ 2,386,297</u>	<u>\$ 392,441</u>	<u>\$ 86,130</u>	\$ 2,692,608
Accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 1,924,012</u>	<u>\$ 172,518</u>	<u>\$ 86,130</u>	2,010,400
Net property and equipment				\$ 682,208

The total depreciation expense for fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 was \$172,518. The eligible depreciation of \$38,965 (\$172,518 total depreciation less ineligible depreciation \$133,553) includes only the depreciation of assets purchased with local funds and where the useful life of the asset purchased has been approved by the Bureau of Passenger Transportation.

Useful lives of depreciable assets are as follows:

Buses & rehabilitations	3-10 years
Operations equipment	5-10 years
Garage equipment	3-15 years
Office equipment	3-10 years
Computer equipment	3-7 years
Building	4-20 years

NOTE E - STATE GRANTS

The Transportation Authority has contracted with the State of Michigan for grant funds for operations and equipment. All of the monies that the Authority is not eligible to receive has not yet been disbursed to them, as the projects have not yet been completed. As of September 30, 2008, \$162,570 is still available to the Authority under those grants.

NOTE F - PROPERTY TAXES

In August 1988 the voters of Crawford County approved a countywide property tax levy (renewal) of up to 0.75 mill to provide for the continued operation of the Authority. Net property taxes collected for the year ended September 30, 2008 were \$382,780.

NOTE G - MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

PLAN DESCRIPTION - On August 1, 1997 the Authority Board of Directors adopted a defined benefit plan of the Michigan Employees Retirement System (MERS). MERS, an agent, multiple-employer public employee retirement system, acts as the common investment and administrative agent pursuant to State of Michigan Public Act 427 of 1984, as amended, and the Constitution of the State of Michigan. The Authority's plan provides benefits for Normal retirement, Deferred retirement, Disability retirement, Non-duty death allowance, Duty-connected death allowance, and all employees of the Authority participate. All participating employees have received prior service credit from their date of hire. There is no vesting for the first 10 years, and 100% vesting after 10 years.

Employees are eligible for retirement upon attaining the age of 50, and have completed 25 years of employment service; at age 55 with 15 years of employment service; or at age 60 with 10 years of employment service.

FUNDING POLICY - The plan's funding policy provides for mandatory employee contributions at a rate of 4.8% of regular gross wages and employer contributions of 10.54% for the last three months of 2007 and 10.63% from January through September 30, 2008. Crawford County Transportation Authority elected to make employer contributions at 14% for the fiscal year. Required employer contributions are based on a percentage of compensation projected into the middle of the calendar year.

The normal cost and amortization payment were determined using the entry age normal actuarial funding method. Actuarial assumptions include (a) projected salary and wage increases of due to inflation of 4.5% and from 0.0% to 8.40% based on merit and longevity, (b) a net long-term investment yield rate of 8%, (c) 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Tables.

Unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities are amortized as a level percent of payroll over 30 years.

NOTE G - MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

ANNUAL PENSION COST - For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 the Authority's actual pension cost of \$97,685, was 14% for October 2007 through September 2008. Total covered payroll for the year ended September 30, 2008 was \$697,745.

Components of the Actuarial Accrued Liability at December 31, 2007 the last date of Annual Actuarial Valuation, are as follows:

Actuarial Accrued Liability

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	\$ 1,703,338
Terminated employees (vested former members) not yet receiving benefits	82,242
Non-vested terminated employees (pending refunds of accumulated member contributions)	88
Current employee contributions - Including allocated investment income	233,618
Employer financed contributions - Including allocated investment income	1,259,570
Total Actuarial Accrued Liability	3,278,856
Net Assets Available for Benefits at Actuarial Value (Market Value \$3,116,367)	3,080,432
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	<u>\$ 198,424</u>

For calendar year 2009 the Annual Required Contribution is \$71,520. The amortization factor used is .055889.

NOTE G - MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

Trend information of Aggregate Accrued Liabilities follows:

Valuation Date	2007	2006	2005
Accrued Liabilities	<u>\$ 3,278,856</u>	<u>\$ 3,082,039</u>	<u>\$ 2,790,377</u>
Valuation Assets	<u>\$ 3,080,432</u>	<u>\$ 2,853,984</u>	<u>\$ 2,636,698</u>
Funded Percent	<u>94</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>94</u>
Unfunded Actuarial Liability	<u>\$ 198,424</u>	<u>\$ 228,055</u>	<u>\$ 153,679</u>
Unfunded Actuarial Liability as a Percent of Annual Payroll	<u>29</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>23</u>

NOTE H - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries as well as medical benefits provided to full-time employees. The Authority has purchased commercial insurance for medical benefits, disability, and workers' compensation; fleet, real and personal property coverage; and general liability coverage.

NOTE I - COMMITMENTS - STATE LIENS

The Authority's facility is financed with both Federal and State funds. Part of the terms and conditions of the use of Federal and State funds is the requirement that the facility continue to be used for the purposes stated in the Authority's grant application, in perpetuity. Should the facility cease to be used for its stated purpose it will either revert to the Federal government or be sold and the proceeds divided proportionate to the original investment.

Most buses and a substantial amount of the equipment of the Authority have been purchased with State and Federal Grants. The Authority, by accepting those grants have accepted the obligation to use that equipment for public transportation purposes for the life of each asset.

NOTE J - EXPLANATION OF INELIGIBLE EXPENSES PER THE BPT R&E MANUAL

Ineligible expenses are classified appropriately according to the definition in the Local Public Transit Revenue and Expense Manual (R&E Manual). Audit costs are the only costs in which eligibility differs from the State R&E Manual and the Federal OMB Circular A-87.

NOTE K - NONFINANCIAL DATA

The methodology used for compiling mileage on Schedule 5 - Mileage Data is an adequate and reliable method for recording vehicle mileage.

NOTE L - CONTINGENCIES

Amounts received or receivable under grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies, principally the Federal and State governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the Transit agency. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Transit agency expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OPERATING EXPENSES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Labor	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	General <u>Administration</u>	Total System	
Operator's salaries and wages Other salaries and wages Dispatcher's salaries and	\$ 489,279 -0-	\$ -0- 44,291	\$ -0- 111,672	\$ 489,279 155,963	
wages	81,592	-0-	-0-	81,592	
Fringe Benefits: Other fringe benefits Pensions	210,949 78,407		21,193 14,425	254,635 97,685	
Services: Advertising fees Audit costs Other services	-0- -0- 6,506	-0- -0- 5,794	3,199 3,985 7,150	3,199 3,985 19,450	
Materials and Supplies Consume Fuel and lubricants Tires Other materials	d 174,661 -0-	-0- 4,329	-0- -0-	174,661 4,329	
and supplies	505	52 , 151	11,055	63,711	
Utilities	10,968	7,767	4,931	23,666	
Casualty and Liability Costs Premiums for public liabili and property damage	ty				
insurance	50,518	990	2,219	53,727	
Miscellaneous Expenses Travel and meetings	-0-	-0-	3,364	3,364	
Depreciation	142,125	22,190	8,203	<u>172,518</u>	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 1,245,510</u>	<u>\$ 164,858</u>	<u>\$ 191,396</u>	<u>\$1,601,764</u>	

SCHEDULE 2

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Federal and State Grantor/Pass-Through	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Number	Program Award Amount	Current Total	Year Expend Federal	itures State	Prior Year Expend- itures	Award Amount <u>Remaining</u>
Passed Through Michigan Department of Transportation								
Operating Assistance - Section 5311	20.509	07-0198/Z3	\$ 234 , 021	\$ 234 , 021	<u>\$ 234,021</u>	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Federal Transit Capital Grants Capital Grant Capital Grant Capital Grant Capital Grant Capital Grant	20.500 20.500 20.509 20.500 20.500	02-0030/Z16 02-0030/Z18 07-0198/Z2 02-0030/Z17 02-0030/Z15	10,000 27,777 10,000 162,570 129,945	2,075 27,777 10,000 -0- 129,945 169,797	2,075 22,222 10,000 -0- 103,956 138,253	-0- 5,555 -0- -0- 25,989 31,544	7,925	-0- -0- 162,570 -0-
Michigan Department of Transportation								
Non Urban Operating Assistance - Act 51 Current Year	N/A	N/A	530,193	530,193	-0-	530,193	-0-	-0-
Total Federal and State Grants			<u>\$1,104,506</u>	<u>\$ 934,011</u>	\$ 372 , 274	\$ 561 , 737	\$ 7 , 925	<u>\$ 162,570</u>

SCHEDULE 3

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY NET ELIGIBLE COST COMPUTATIONS OF GENERAL OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Openating Expenses.	FEDERAL SECTION 5311 07-0198/Z3	STATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE
Operating Expenses: Salaries and wages Fringe benefits Materials and Supplies Services Utilities Casualty and Liability insurance Miscellaneous Depreciation	\$ 726,834 352,320 242,701 26,634 23,666 53,727 3,364 172,518	\$ 726,834 352,320 242,701 26,634 23,666 53,727 3,364 172,518
Total operating expenses	1,601,764	1,601,764
Less ineligible expenses: Depreciation funded by grants Audit Package delivery Outside maintenance Other miscellaneous reimbursements	133,553 3,985 593 972 32	133,553 -0- 593 972
Total ineligible expenses	<u>139,135</u>	<u>135,150</u>
Net eligible expenses	<u>\$ 1,462,629</u>	<u>\$ 1,466,614</u>
Section 5311 Reimbursement 16.0%	<u>\$ 234,021</u>	
State operating assistance (36.1508%)		<u>\$ 530,193</u>

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY DETAIL OF INELIGIBLE EXPENSES AND REVENUES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

<u>Depreciation</u>

Depreciation accrued from assets funded by capital grants is considered ineligible in accordance with the Bureau of Passenger Transportation's Revenue and Expense manual.

Annual Audit Fees

Any Transit Agency that expends less than \$500,000 in federal funds must subtract out the cost of the annual audit as an ineligible expense under Section 5311. Therefore, \$3,985 has been treated as ineligible for Section 5311 purposes.

Package Delivery

Revenues equal to expenses associated with package delivery are not eligible and are treated as ineligible in accordance with the Bureau of Passenger Transportation's Revenue and Expense Manual.

Outside Maintenance

The Transportation Authority provides maintenance services in Crawford County. 100% of the revenue from those services was considered ineligible.

Capital Grants

Capital grant funds used to pay operating expenses are required to be treated as ineligible for calculating state and federal operating assistance. During the current year, the Transit Authority did not have any of these types of expenses.

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MILEAGE DATA - UNAUDITED YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

	Public Transportation <u>Mileage</u>
DEMAND RESPONSE	
1 st Quarter 2 nd Quarter 3 rd Quarter 4 th Quarter	126,306 133,985 132,210 <u>114,417</u>
TOTAL OPERATIONS	<u>506,918</u>

The methodology used for compiling mileage has been reviewed and found to be an adequate and reliable method for recording vehicle mileage.



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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

October 31, 2008

Board of Directors Crawford County Transportation Authority 4276 W. North Down River Road Grayling, Michigan 49738

Dear Board:

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Crawford County Transportation Authority for the year ended September 30, 2008, and issued my report thereon dated October 31, 2008. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Crawford County Transportation Authority's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Crawford County Transportation Authority's internal control over financial reporting.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be significant deficiencies.

MEMBER MACPA and AICPA

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<u>Segregation of Duties</u>

The idea of segregation of duties is that two or more persons are part of a process, such as cash disbursements, so that if a mistake is made by one, it will become apparent to another within a reasonable time period.

Currently, the Authority has one person in the bookkeeping staff who is responsible for writing cash receipts received by mail, writing checks, recording cash receipts, cash disbursements, payroll, bank transfers and adjusting journal entries as well as preparing bank reconciliations.

Monthly financial statements, conveyance of bank transfers and cash receipts deposits, and signing of checks are done by Management personnel or the Board of Directors.

With the limited bookkeeping staff, the Authority has an inherent weakness in the internal controls related to the bookkeeping functions. Segregation of these duties should be made on a practical basis.

Financial Statement Preparation

All Michigan governments are required to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals (GAAP). This is a responsibility of the Authority's management. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires internal controls over both (1) recording, processing, and summarizing accounting data (i.e., maintaining internal books and records), and (2) reporting government-wide and fund financial statements, including the related footnotes (i.e., external financial As is the case with most small and medium-sized entities, the Authority has historically relied on its independent external auditor to assist in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements and footnotes as part of its external financial reporting process. Accordingly, the Authority's ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP is based, in part, on its reliance on its external auditors, who cannot, by definition, be considered a part of the government's internal controls. This condition was caused by the Authority's determination that it is more cost effective to outsource the preparation of its annual financial statements to the auditors than to incur the time and expense of obtaining the necessary training and expertise required for the Authority to perform this task internally.

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A Control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Crawford County Transportation Authority's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Authority's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Authority's internal control. I consider the deficiencies described above to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Authority's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, the significant deficiency described above I consider to be material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Crawford County Transportation Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended for the information of management and Board of Directors, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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October 31, 2008

Board of Directors Crawford County Transportation Authority 4276 W. North Down River Road Grayling, MI 49738

I have audited the financial statements of the business-type activity and major fund of the Crawford County Transportation Authority for the year ended September 30, 2008, and have issued my report thereon dated October 31, 2008. Professional standards require that I provide you with the following information related to my audit.

My Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards

As stated in my engagement letter dated October 30, 2008, my responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform my audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting standards. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because I did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by me.

As part of my audit, I considered the internal control of the Crawford County Transportation Authority. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining my audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of Crawford County Transportation Authority's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of my tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

<u>Significant Accounting Policies</u>

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of my engagement letter, I will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Crawford County Transportation Authority are described in Note A to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. I noted no transactions entered into by the Crawford County Transportation Authority during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, I am required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

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<u>Accounting Estimates</u>

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

<u>Audit Adjustments</u>

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in my judgment, may not have been detected except through my auditing procedures. An audit adjustment may or may not indicate matters that could have a significant effect on Crawford County Transportation Authority's financial reporting process (that is, cause future financial statements to be materially misstated). In my judgment, none of the adjustments I proposed, whether recorded or unrecorded by the Crawford County Transportation Authority, either individually or in the aggregate, indicate matters that could have a significant effect on Crawford County Transportation Authority's financial reporting process.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to my satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. I am pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of my audit.

Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves applications of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, my professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with me to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To my knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

<u>Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors</u>

I generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Crawford County Transportation Authority's auditor. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of my professional relationship and my responses were not a condition to my retention.

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 $\frac{\text{Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit}}{\text{I encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing my}}$ audit.

This information is intended solely for the use of management and the Board of Directors and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

James M. Anderson, P.C.

Certified Public Accountant